REMARKS

Reconsideration and further examination is respectfully requested. The Abstract of the Disclosure was objected to for exceeding a 150 word limit. Applicant has amended the Abstract of the Disclosure, and therefore request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 1-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as claiming the same invention as that of prior U.S. patent 6,665,755. Applicant has amended the claims to direct the claims to another aspect of the invention which was previously unclaimed. For at least this reason, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Lindsay G. McGuinness, Applicants' Attorney at 978-264-6664 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

For these reasons, and in view of the above amendments, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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